

I&M Will Start \$2.2 Million Unit In Spring

Pipestone District Chosen

Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. today announced that construction will start in the spring on a 76,000 square-foot centralized distribution and service center in Pipestone Industrial District.

John P. Banyon, I&M's Benton Harbor division manager said the center will be built on a 39-acre site in the industrial park in Benton township. Cost of the facility not counting

equipment is estimated at \$2.2 million.

Completion is expected in about 18 months, Banyon said. Holland Construction Co. of St. Joseph has been awarded the general construction contract.

SECOND TO BUILD

I&M acquired its tract in April, 1969, the first land sold in the 522-acre industrial park. The utility will be the second industry to build a new facility

in the park. Ferguson Welding Supply Co. opened the first plant last June.

The new I&M building will be one-story, steel frame of masonry construction. It will house the utility's distribution, substation, meter, transportation and stores departments. A fallout shelter also will be included.

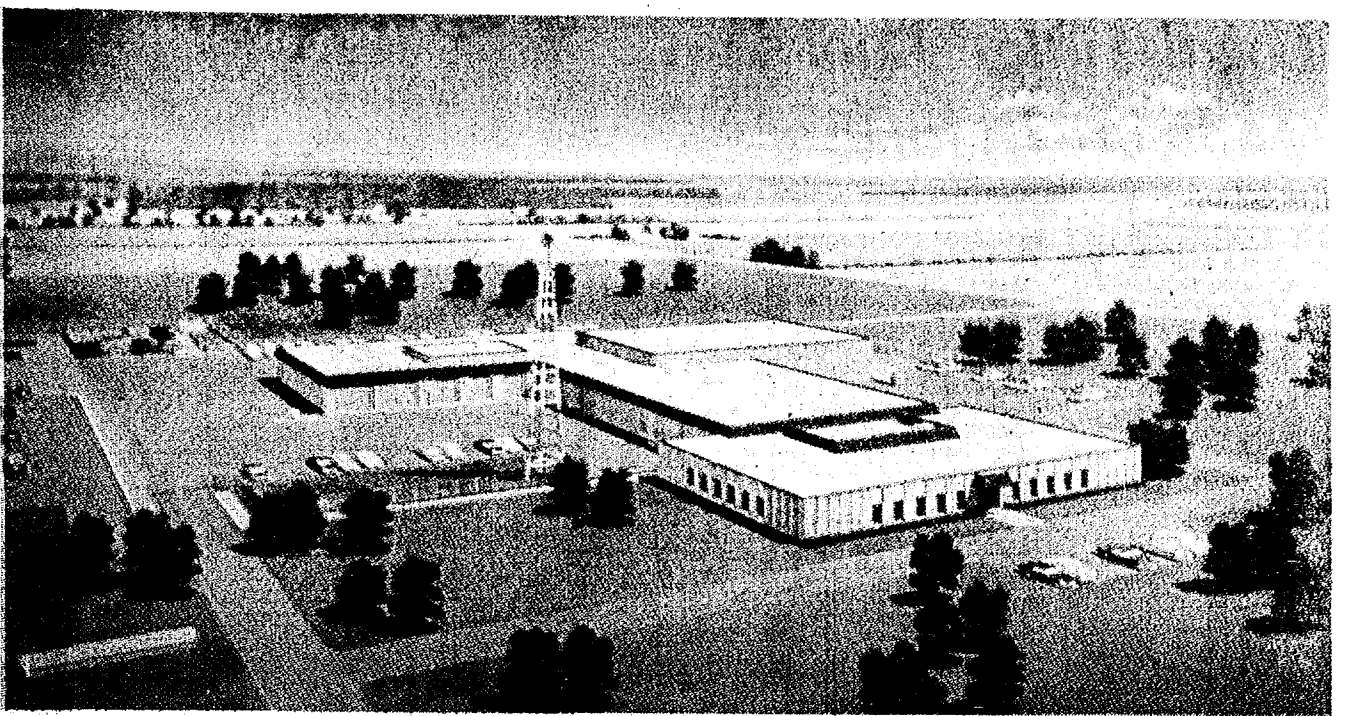
The structure ultimately will replace I&M's existing service building at 330 West Main street, Benton Harbor. The division's headquarters are at 175 West Main street.

LOCATION 'IDEAL'

Banyon said I&M considered Pipestone park to be ideally located for a distribution and service center — accessible to employees and I&M operations. The Benton Harbor division serves more than 63,000 customers in southwestern Michigan.

The I&M tract is located in the northwest section of the industrial district at Meadowbrook road and Dewey avenues. It is close to I-94 and the proposed north-south freeway extension of US-31.

I&M resident engineer during construction of the center will be Glen A. Burton, Banyon said. Burton will arrive in Benton Harbor in a few weeks for his new assignment. He joined I&M's parent firm, American Electric Power system, in 1968 and was chief of civil construction at the Big Sandy plant of Kentucky Power Co. prior to being named resident engineer here.



NEW I&M CENTER: Artist's sketch is new Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. distribution and service center that will be built in Pipestone Industrial district. Construction will start in spring

on 76,000 square-foot center that will cost an estimated \$2.2 million, exclusive of equipment.

Lakeshore Has New Principal

St. Joe's Jon Schuster To Head High School

Jon N. Schuster, 33, assistant St. Joseph high school principal, has accepted a position as principal of Lakeshore high school effective April 12.



JON N. SCHUSTER

The announcement was made today by Lakeshore Superintendent Lionel Stacey, who said, "We are extremely pleased after looking over a good many candidates from all over Michigan to obtain a man so well-qualified so close to home."

St. Joseph school Superintendent Richard Ziehm said, "Mr. Schuster has served the St. Joseph public schools well for six years. He is an excellent young school administrator and the Lakeshore system is fortunate to secure his services."

Stacey said Schuster was being brought into his new job midway through the semester so that he could begin working on a "tremendous transition" resulting from a large building addition to the Lakeshore high school. Ninth graders will be brought from the present junior high school into the high school, boosting enrollment there from 750 to 1,100 students this autumn.

CARR TO LEAVE

Schuster is replacing Joel Carr, 23, principal for the past two years at Lakeshore. Carr has resigned effective the end of the school year to work on his doctoral degree at the University of Michigan.

A native of Manistique in Michigan's upper peninsula, Schuster graduated from Michigan State university in 1959 with a B.A. degree. He obtained his M.A. degree at MSU in educational administration in 1968 and is now working on his educational specialist degree.

"We feel he is a real plus factor for Lakeshore," said Stacey. "He has the experience and background of working in such a fine system as St. Joseph. We are just elated. We feel he can do the job that needs to be done."

Schuster is married to the former Jane Campbell of Benton Harbor. They are the parents of a daughter, Jennifer, age 2.

DEBATING CHAMPION

He was the Michigan debating champion in 1955 while a senior at Manistique high school and won two scholastic awards while attending MSU in 1955 and 1956. He served as a helicopter pilot with the Army's Special Forces from 1959 to 1963 and his duties included evacuation of wounded soldiers during hostilities in Korea.

He joined the staff of St. Joseph senior high school in 1965 and served as a teacher in American problems, psychology, cross country coach and student council advisor. He was promoted to assistant principal at the senior high school in 1967 and for the past two years has also been athletic director.

Stacey said Schuster's salary at Lakeshore has not yet been set.

State Will Talk With BH Citizens

A Michigan Department of Education study team will be in Benton Harbor Friday to hear recommendations from citizens on the Benton Harbor school district.

Department of Education personnel will be at the Vocational Rehabilitation office, 224 Pipestone street, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. to confer with citizens. Appointments can be made in advance by calling 926-6186 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Supt. Mark E. Lewis asked the department to send a study team to Benton Harbor to investigate racial tension and

other aspects of the school district. The team met with school officials Jan. 19 and discussions led to the conclusion that citizens' views should be sought, the Department of Education said.

Eventual outcome of the fact gathering by the department is expected to be recommendations to school officials and citizens in charting the future course of the school district. A full report also will be made to the State Board of Education.

Meetings between citizens and the study team will be private.

Proposed School Aid Cut

It's 75¢ Off Each \$100

LANSING (AP) — Legislative budget writers charged with curtailing state spending to meet a potential \$110 million deficit have reached apparent preliminary agreement over cutbacks. Their recommendations depart somewhat from those proposed by Gov. William Milliken.

Alternate recommendations to be submitted to the governor would bring in the \$110 million experts say is needed to keep Michigan's faltering treasury in the black.

The committee recommendations, contained in a list that House Appropriations Chairman

William Copeland, D-Wyandotte, said was for "negotiating," include a call for a 34 of one per cent cut in the gross budgets of school districts.

Milliken had proposed a flat 2 per cent cut in state aid this fiscal year for a total of \$15 million. The alternate proposal reportedly would save some \$12.6 million.

"We're asking school districts to cut 75 cents from each \$100 they planned to spend," explained Rep. James Farnsworth of Plainwell, ranking Republican on the house committee.

The governor also proposed a \$12 million cut in the \$19.5 million earmarked for a "grandfather clause," which provided that no school district would receive less money this school year than it did last.

The alternative proposal would make that cut some \$3.28 million.

The governor proposed no operating budget cuts for junior, community or four-year colleges. Legislators' alternatives, however, call for a 34 per cent cut in those budgets—similar to that of the K-12 districts.

The list also includes Milliken's proposals to change the statutory date for payment of second-quarter corporate taxes, from July 31 to June 30, bringing in some \$25 million during the current fiscal year. It further would agree to his recommendation to borrow \$45 million from the State Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fund.

Secretary of State Richard H. Austin told members of the budget committees Tuesday that he found the borrowing proposal

"less unpalatable" than the earlier suggestion of a simple, one-way transfer of the money.

Austin pleaded, however, for the state to pay interest on the loan.

"If we refuse the interest and you insist, you are going to be the person totally responsible for breaking our treasury," said Sen. Garland Lane, D-Flint.

"I don't believe when I'm borrowing from my checking account to put money into my sav-

ings account, I should pay myself interest," Lane said. "I just am not going to pay myself interest and I don't think the taxpayers want to."

Austin deputies said interest earned through investment of the fund in fiscal 1968-69 totaled some \$2.37 million. Interest was \$2.68 million for 1969-70 and estimated at \$2.6 million for the current fiscal year, they added.

Milliken has yet to formally present his budget reduction

proposals to the appropriations committees. They were informally drawn and publicized earlier this year.

After the formal presentation the appropriations committees will have 10 days, under state statute, to act on those sections which come under their jurisdiction.

The corporate tax and uninsured motorist fund recommendations are subject to the decision of the entire Legislature.

Legislators' Profit On Deal 'In Line'

LANSING (AP) — State Administrative Board members have agreed there is no conflict of interest involved in the purchase by the state of a parcel of property in Lansing owned by a legislator and a former legislator.

The sale price would be some \$4,500 above the purchase price of February, 1969.

The board agreed, Tuesday, however, to delay final approval of the purchase pending research by the attorney general's office.

"No impropriety is suggested," said Deputy Atty. Gen. Leon Cohan. "But I want to look at the technical possibility of conflict of interest."

The property desired for the state capitol complex is owned by former Rep. George F. Montgomery, a Democrat from Detroit, and Rep. Harold B. Clark, D-Warren.

USED AS HOME

They purchased it under a land contract on Feb. 8, 1969 for \$20,000. They used the home as a residence while the Legislature was in session.

The state now proposes to pay \$24,500 for the property.

A.N. Languis, chief of the building division, said the land was purchased by the pair some 16 months before it was decided to extend the capitol complex to take in the area including the property.

Languis said several appraisers agreed the price to be paid was fair and in line with what the state is paying for similar parcels in the area.

"It is very clear the property was not acquired for speculative purposes," commented Gov. William Milliken.

The Administrative Board approved the lease of office space in the Lafayette Building, Detroit, for State Supreme Court Justices Thomas G. Kavanagh and G. Mennen Williams for more than \$37,000 a year.

It was explained the two justices will work out of Detroit to supervise the affairs of and try to reduce the backlog of cases in the Detroit and Wayne County courts.

The space they have occupied in the Lansing seven-story law building will be used by the Supreme Court administrator and his staff.

William Hart, Supreme Court Administrator, said he did not believe the state will lose any money on the arrangement. Hart added there is precedent for the high court justices occupying offices outside of Lansing.

WELFARE ADVANCE

The board also approved a \$43.1 million advance allotment of welfare funds to the State Social Services Department to meet rising expenses due to high welfare caseloads. The money was shifted from the April-June quarter to the January-March quarter.

Included in the allotment are \$16 million for aid to families with dependent children, \$11.5 million for hospital care, \$11.3 million for other Medicaid expenses and \$4.3 million for other welfare programs.

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SPRING IS COMING: The tree-lined streets of Shepherd, Mich. are also bucket-lined these days as the community begins gathering maple sap for their annual Maple Syrup Festival in April.

Sandy Harless, 7, and Correen Daymon, 6, find the dripping sap fascinating. Shepherd is a small town in Isabella county near Mount Pleasant. (AP Wirephoto)

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Editorial Page

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A Local Judge Looks At Judicial Reform

Twin City Rotarians had an opportunity at their regular meeting this week to obtain a viewpoint from one of our own circuit judges on a subject receiving increasing comment.

Called variously judicial reform, court administration, judicial improvement, it refers to the question of unclogging the logjam on most court calendars throughout the nation.

Chief Justice Warren Burger of the U.S. Supreme Court calls the time lag between arrest and trial a major contributor to the crime wave, and Thomas Kavanaugh, the new chief justice on the Michigan Supreme Court, announced a few weeks ago that judicial reform will be the first order of business in his stewardship.

Julian Hughes, the youngest of our circuit judges in point of service at the St. Joseph court house and a former probate judge, told his audience he looks at the Michigan condition as "one of problems but not of crises, requiring a rational response rather than emergency, stop gap solutions."

He went on to mention a thought repeated several times in this column that putting more judges on the bench has not solved the problem, nor can it be looked upon as a magical cure.

Locally, the time lag decried by Burger, has shown improvement toward overcoming the defect of a theoretical fair trial failing to serve justice because it is so long in being held.

Not too long ago a six-months gap between arrest and trial was a frequent denominator and civil cases were aging for two and three years.

Judge Hughes says "a significant number" of felony cases have been cut to 60-70 days and that he considers his civil

docket as being in "fair shape." By the year-end, it is hoped that the 60-70 timing will apply to all felony cases and "better" will replace "fair" as adjectival of the civil docket's condition.

More personnel and larger budgets for the courts and the prosecutor's office account for much of this local gain. This technique has an obvious point of diminishing return, so the question still remains of how to attain an underlying efficiency better than now prevails.

Judge Hughes suggests two approaches.

One is giving the judiciary a closer control over the manpower which serves it. Although a judge very definitely is the captain of the ship in the conduct of a trial, surprisingly few people involved in the trial are under his direction. His bailiff is appointed by the sheriff and his duties are prescribed by law not of the judge's making. His clerk is a deputy from the County Clerk's office. The police officer, the prosecutor, the private attorneys in reality are independent entities, certainly from the standpoint of getting things done depends more upon cooperation than any outright command authority the judge may possess.

As Monday's guest speaker put it, a judge's clearcut bossing power begins and ends with his secretary who also doubles in brass as a clerk assigning cases for hearing.

Though not proposing that the judiciary intrude upon other governmental branches, simply stating the limitations of its personnel supervision outlines a serious handicap which most critics of today's courts have overlooked.

His second recommendation goes to a lively inheritance in our system. A judge's prime function is to hear a case and deliver a fair verdict based upon the applicable law, and if it is a jury trial, to lead the jurors to reaching a like result. Time and expense, under this theory, count for considerably less than accomplishment of that desired result.

The goal remains uncontested, but the business volume flowing today into the courts calls for an exercise in office management principles beyond the training and comprehension of most judges and attorneys.

Judge Hughes thinks the business and industrial world could be enlisted for a badly needed training program.

We're glad we had the opportunity to hear Judge Hughes and believe other groups could benefit if they can prevail upon him to repeat the message.

His Honor spoke charitably on the causes and cures for today's logjam in the courts, at least more so than we have done, but even so, it's heartening to realize our grass roots jurists are moving against a major defect in today's social structure.

Who's Odious?

In any language, idioms are a nuisance to foreign folk, and it has been said that English ones are particularly odious. Take a phrase more popular some years ago than now but still heard occasionally and strictly from Squiresville, "He's no slouch!"

This is a negative approach, but tradition says that when a chap's no slouch it means he's reasonably smart and has all his marbles, which is another and just as odious idiom.

When a researcher becomes technical and flies to his dictionaries for help, he realizes how deeply a newcomer can be baffled by that "no slouch" phrase. A slouch can mean an awkward, clownish person, or a downward droop of a hat brim, or a pipe by which an old fashioned steam engine took up water.

To tell a fellow that he's no pipe by which an engine takes up water is scarcely the ultimate compliment.

Foil To Public Unionism

In an age when public service unions are becoming increasingly strident in their demands, a research study for the Brookings Institute in Washington strongly recommends that government begin to divorce itself from some of its public service functions.

"Many functions presently performed by local governments should be reconsidered in the light of emerging public employee unionism," preliminary reports of

the study by Harry H. Welling-ton and Ralph K. Winter Jr. suggest.

The logic behind this suggestion is that a profit minded entrepreneur is in a better position to counter union demands than a public service official, who usually is more concerned with maintaining political tranquility in his area of responsibility than a lid on costs.

So important is the subject considered by Brookings that the preliminary findings were issued immediately, with the full report to follow. It is reported many government officials, at all levels, are eager to see the complete study.

The public service unions are not going to like the finger of guilt pointed toward them by the study, and can be expected to launch a vigorous campaign to prevent public services from being turned over to private contractors.

The subject is timely and ought to be granted a thorough review. The consumer, after all, pays the bill regardless of who performs the service. If there is a cheaper method of providing him the service he wants, that is the path to be followed.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

LANCERS GAIN TITLE, RECORD
—1 Year Ago—
Lakeshore's Lancers wrapped up a share of the Blossomland conference basketball title with a championship flourish. Scoring almost at will from start to finish, coach Russ Olin's pointmakers rocketed to a new Blossomland scoring record as they cracked the century mark for the second time this season in an impressive 108-84 victory over Edwardsburg.

BELL PAYS RECORD \$14 MILLION TAX
—10 Years Ago—
Michigan Bell Telephone Company announced its payment to the state primary school fund in 1960 was the largest single state property tax payment in the company's history. Amounting to a record \$14,857,665, an increase of nearly a million dollars over 1959, the payment again placed Michigan Bell as the top contributor to the fund.

DIAL PHONES READY APRIL 15
—30 Years Ago—
Telephones on the St. Joseph exchange of the Michigan Bell Telephone company will be changed to the dial system on April 15, according to an announcement made today by W. L. Stevens, manager of the local exchange. The change-over date has been advanced six weeks from the May 27 date set earlier by the telephone company.

HENRY CATHCART Inside Washington

WASHINGTON —With the death of Georgia Sen. Richard Russell the chairmanship of the Senate Appropriations Committee will pass to Sen. Allen Ellender, D-La., an 80-year-old life-long politician best known for longevity and his loyal service as a Huey Long lieutenant in the 1920s.

Ellender's reign as head of probably the most powerful of congressional committees may be a brief one, however. For down in Louisiana there is an energetic and popular governor who has long had his sights on Ellender's job and he is not likely to allow 1972 to pass without a political challenge.

Gov. John McKeithen says his polls show he would defeat Ellender by a two-to-one margin. While his figures could be somewhat inflated, few Louisiana politicians here think the elderly senator could turn back a McKeithen bid next year.

Normally a committee chairmanship of the magnitude of appropriations would be enough to discourage a significant challenge. After all, Ellender's power will no doubt insure clear Senate sailing for federal projects in Louisiana.

But Ellender in his advancing age has lost contact with Louisiana politics. Never having faced a significant opposition in his 34 years in the Senate, Ellender has not had to keep an active political organization in order back home. His trips to Louisiana have grown less frequent in the last decade. He prefers instead tax-financed junkets around the globe.

In this city he is viewed as no intellectual giant in the Senate. It was common knowledge that Russell would have preferred to remain chairman of the Armed Services Committee in his last years here. But when the

MORE AID
—10 Years Ago—
Sawyer will send a truckload of foodstuffs to drought sufferers in Arkansas, it was announced today. Decision to send the expedition of mercy southward was reached spontaneously last night at an informal meeting of a small group of Sawyer businessmen.

FASHION SHOW
—50 Years Ago—
Shepard & Benning presented a dazzling fashion revue yesterday. Seventy-four models displayed the fashions of 1921. So popular was the revue that a crowd of disappointed people stood outdoors, unable to get

RUTH RAMSEY Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. How many barrels make a hoghead?
2. What English author is referred to as G.B.S.?
3. How many valves are there on the cornet used in brass bands?
4. Where are the Apennine Mountains?
5. Near what large city are the great pyramids of Gizeh?

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

PALPITATION — (PAL-pe-TAY-shen—act of pulsating with

seats or even standing room inside.

NEW STATION PROPOSED
—50 Years Ago—
Engineers representing the Pere Marquette railroad have been in the city several days looking over the proposed site of a new railway station, which has been promised this city. The old site is favored.

TROUPE ORGANIZED
—80 Years Ago—
George E. Stevens is organizing a dramatic company and will start out on the road again. Mr. Stevens is an old and experienced theater manager and has made a great success of his business in former years.

unnatural rapidity from exertion, emotion, disease, etc.

YOUR FUTURE
Your outlook is reasonably good, but refuse all needless risks. Today's child will be temperamental and restless.

IT'S BEEN SAID
Only deeds give strength to life, only moderation gives it charm.—Jean Paul Richter.

BORN TODAY

Mary I, queen of England, called "Bloody Mary," was the daughter of Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon. She was declared illegitimate after her parents' marriage was dissolved, but was nevertheless proclaimed queen after the death of her half-brother, Edward VI, in 1553.

She earned her "Bloody" description because of the religious persecutions of her reign. After she restored Catholicism in England, which had been Protestant for nearly 20 years, she sent nearly 300 to the stake under reinstated heresy laws.

Despite strong popular opposition she married Prince Philip of Spain, a Catholic and a foreigner. Insurrections broke out in protest over the marriage, but they were put down and Mary restored the old religion.

A year after his marriage, Philip was sent to Brussels to receive the government of the Low Countries and afterwards of Spain. He returned in March, 1557, but only long enough to commit England to war on the side of Spain against France.

The persecution of Protestants, which began in 1555, ended only with the death of Mary three years later.

Some historians claim that Mary deserves better treatment at the hands of her critics. They point to her kindness to the poor and her "being alive" to the injustice which the heresy laws caused.

Her own life had been one of danger and frustrations because of the tyranny of Henry VIII, her father, against her.

WILLIAM RITT You're Telling Me!

A congressman proposes, no doubt facetiously, a constitutional amendment which would abolish the 100-member U.S. Senate, replacing it with a 100-member House of Lords. It'll never happen—but it would be another "noble experiment."

The new lords would do no legislating, appropriating or passing on presidential appointments. They'd just be there—sitting pretty?

The lords would be named by newspaper columnists and TV radio network commentators. Thus guaranteed criticism free?

An ant has two stomachs—nature item. We can't figure out why, unless one for regular meals and the other for snacks!

DR. COLEMAN ..And Speaking Of Your Health

Although my problem is not a glamorous one, I have a feeling that your answer will interest a lot of people.

My ears itch constantly: I have tried to scratch them with everything that seems safe, but get no relief.

What do you recommend?

Miss A. H. G.,
N. Y.

Dear Miss G.: Scratching certainly is not the answer to your problem.

That which people consider "safe" for scratching frightens most physicians who deal with this problem in the everyday practice.

If you knew how delicate is the lining of the ear canal, you would realize how "unsafe" are most of the home-style instruments used for scratching.

I have seen the damage done by sharp-edged paper clips, hairpins, pencils, and toothpicks. Even a cotton-wrapped swab stick can damage the ear canal if it is handled too vigorously.

The entire ear canal is lined by a thin layer of skin that is susceptible to infection, inflammation and, particularly, allergy.

Unless the exact cause of the irritation is found, treatment of any kind is seldom effective.

Fungus infections, eczema, and inflammation due to hair sprays and cosmetics, all can cause distressing itching.

Over-the-counter medicines should be avoided because they may contain drugs which, in

themselves, are harsh and irritating.

Only those drugs properly screened by your own doctor should be considered "safe."

The newer cortisone ear drops are effective when they are chosen by the physician for a particular reason. Antibiotic drops and salves are also used to combat infection in the ear canal.

Anti-fungus medication and local treatment can control this source of unpleasant itching.

Finding the cause, however, is the only way to find the ideal treatment.

What causes a child to be born with an "opening" into the spine?

Mrs. I. R., Ohio

Dear Mrs. R.: The condition you refer to as an "opening" in the spine is probably one that is known as a "spina bifida."

This is due to some error in the development of the embryo while in the mother's womb.

There are many variations of the condition, depending on its extensiveness.

Modern surgery has done wonders for spina bifida.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: The handicapped are never a "handicap" to employers who are wise enough to give them the opportunity to work.

Dr. Lester Coleman has a special eye-care booklet available for readers of this column called, "What You Should Know About Glaucoma and Cataracts." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A J 7 2
♥ Q 10 8 4
♦ A Q 6
♣ 5 4

EAST
♠ 8 6 3
♥ K 9 6 5 3 2
♦ 9 7 5
♣ 9

WEST
♠ 5
♥ A J 7
♦ 8 4 2
♣ K Q J 10 8 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 9 4
♥ —
♦ K J 10 3
♣ A 7 6 2

The bidding:
1 ♠ 2 ♣ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

Opening lead — king of clubs. The great majority of hands are played in suit contracts rather than in notrump. In all such hands declarer faces the problem of whether or not to draw trumps.

Solving this question is crucial in many hands, but, unfortunately, it is impossible to formulate any single rule that will guide declarer unerringly to a clear-cut answer.

In general, declarer draws the adverse trumps as soon as possible if his values consist

primarily of high cards and there is a danger of having them ruffed unless trumps are drawn.

But when declarer can gain tricks by utilizing either his own or dummy's trumps for ruffing purposes, he delays the extraction of trumps until such time as it becomes advantageous to draw them.

The most common case where declarer does not extract trumps occurs when dummy has a void, a singleton or a doubleton of a side suit in which declarer has losers that can be ruffed in dummy.

Today's hand illustrates this method of play. West leads a club won by South with the ace.

If declarer were now to draw the opponents' trumps, he would wind up going down one. He could still ruff one of his three club losers in dummy, but eventually he would lose a second club trick.

Played properly, however, declarer makes the contract with the greatest of ease. After taking the ace of clubs at trick one, he returns a club at trick two. The defense now cannot stop him from ruffing two clubs in dummy with high trumps. After he has done this, South draws East's remaining trumps and thus makes the slam. The defenders score a club trick, but no more.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

Mrs. Cronin caught her pixilated husband sneaking into the house at about 4:30 a.m. "No house at about 4:30 a.m. Now you tell me," she demanded, "exactly what you've been up to all night." "Okay," agreed Mr. Cronin wearily, "but I'm exhausted — so stop me if you've heard this one before."

In the good old days when banks — not to mention butchers, grocers, and coal and ice merchants — sent their customers fancy calendars every December, one bank's offering was so ornate and expensive that a grateful recipient sent a handmade calendar in return.

It depicted Santa Claus tiptoeing up to a row of six cribs, one for the bank president, five for the vice presidents, and the note accompanying same read, "Dear Bank: I just got your calendar, which set me to thinking that nobody ever sends YOU a Christmas greeting, personal like. Thanks for being a nice, gracious bank with good taste and good service."

The sender, incidentally, was one of the bank's richest and most socially prominent depositors.

QUOTABLE: "The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the great art of life is to have as many of them as possible." — Montaigne.

"When a closed mind reopens, it's usually under the same management." — Caroline Clark.



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Factographs

The emperors named Montezuma ruled over Mexico.

Open country in South Africa is referred to as the veldt.

Rudyard Kipling wrote "The Jungle Book."

A fjord is a long, narrow arm of the sea between high cliffs.

The rupee is a monetary unit of India.

The guilders is a monetary unit in The Netherlands.

The British jurist Sir William Edinburg, Scotland, is sometimes known as "Auld Reekie."

A muezzin is a Mohammedan priest.

John Knox was a Scottish leader of the Reformation.

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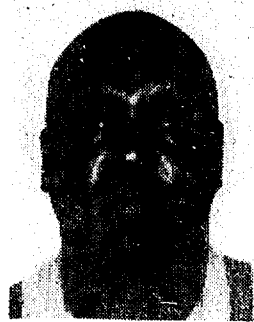
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Twin City
News

BH Shootout Results In Man's Death

A Benton Harbor man was shot to death on Highland avenue last night after he wounded his estranged wife and was confronted by a man stepping out of her car, Benton township police reported.



SAMMY HOPSON

The passenger, Levon Johnson, 36, of 1133 Blossom lane, Benton township, was being held on a murder charge for the slaying of Sammy L. Hopson, 49, of 584 Green avenue, Benton Harbor.

Hopson was found dead with a bullet wound in his upper chest and left arm after a resident at 1960 Highland avenue telephoned police about 7:30 p.m. A whisky bottle lay between his legs and a black fur hat and .38 caliber pistol at his side.

WIFE WOUNDED

Lt. Jack Drach said Hopson's common-law wife, Ular Mae (Long) Hopson, 54, of 275 Burton street, Benton township, was located at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital, where she had gone for treatment of a bullet wound in the left shoulder.

After being released, she was questioned by police. Officers said she told them she was dropping a passenger off at 1960 Highland avenue when her husband pulled up beside them in his car and approached her auto.

Mrs. Hopson said he fired one shot through the window and then ran around to the other side of the car. She reported her life had been threatened several times since her separation from her husband eight months ago.

Johnson, who was later picked up at his home, told police he reached for a handgun lying on the front seat of the car between him and Mrs. Hopson, after he had been struck on the head.

Police recovered the weapon, a .32-20 caliber pistol in the home of Aftans Bradford of 1093 Blossom lane, where Mrs. Hopson had driven after letting Johnson off at his home. Mrs. Bradford drove Mrs. Hopson to the hospital.

Police said they found two spent rounds in both weapons. Mrs. Hopson said she had talked to Johnson in a laundromat earlier and he had asked her to give him a ride later from the Fair Avenue Recreation. Police said she identified the passenger as "Willie."

Police arrested Johnson after talking to Mrs. Hopson's 12-year-old daughter, who had been dropped off at her home before Mrs. Hopson drove to 1960 Highland avenue.

Police said Hopson's car was still idling and the headlights were still on when they arrived. The car was registered to Sammy and Ular Hopson of Route 1, Charleston, Missouri.

Two Fights Send Pair To Hospital

Two men who gave their address as 696 Highland avenue were injured yesterday in separate fights. One was stabbed in a tavern on Territorial road and the other was hit with a stool in his home. Two arrests resulted.

Benton Harbor police arrested Len Kenton, 53, of 6059 Cleveland avenue, Stevensville, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, following the stabbing at Don & Walt's Ideal bar, 212 Territorial road.

The victim, Charlie Johnson, 35, was admitted to Benton Harbor Mercy hospital and was listed in fair condition.

Police arrested Thomas E. Brown, 55, of 696 Highland avenue on a charge of felonious assault after Aey Robinson, 70, of the same address was struck in the face with a four-legged stool. The injury required 50 to 60 stitches at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital.

Police said one fight started when Kenton accused Johnson of taking some money and the other occurred with Brown allegedly became angered over a fight that occurred a week ago.

Firemen Called To St. Joe Plant

St. Joseph firemen stood by from 9:29 to 10:15 p.m. last night while excess fuel that flowed into a boiler at Slaughter Instrument Co., Inc., Industrial Island, burned off. The firemen were on hand as a precautionary measure. There was no fire or damage.



MOON RABBIT: A nocturnal rabbit (center of photo) illuminated by floodlight in the footprint-speckled front yard of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Miller, North Shore drive, Benton township, looks as if it might have been a member of the recent Apollo

14 lunar landing team. Mrs. Miller, an amateur shutterbug, captured the rabbit's landing with a 35-millimeter camera, Tri-X film and a speed of 1/60 of a second at F2.

Public Employee Union Law Change Suggested

An act to make public employee unions liable for unfair labor practices may be introduced in the Michigan legislature, according to Barry Brown, director of the Michigan Department of Labor.

Food Selling Businesses Pay Fines

Three area businesses were cited for violation of state laws yesterday in Fifth District court.

Two twin cities fisheries admitted selling smoked fish with less than the five per cent of salt required of the water portion of the fish.

Rose Ablin, who does business as St. Joe Fisheries at 219 North Wayne street, St. Joseph, was assessed \$73. Cecil Batchelor, who does business as Tucker's fisheries, at 655 West Main street, Benton Harbor, was assessed \$50.

Harlan Rohm of Ron's market in Scottdale was assessed \$50. He pleaded guilty to selling round steak marked two pounds and 7/8 ounces, but actually weighing two pounds and six ounces.

Tuesday, while addressing a Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast at St. Joseph Holiday Inn.

He said: "It seems odd to me that a teacher union refuses to bargain and there is no way to punish it, even though if the school board refuses to bargain it could be ordered to do so and injunctions granted."

Brown also noted that there is a co-mingling of sides in public employee negotiating. He said there should be a clear distinction between bargain for labor and management as in the public sector.

(He did not refer to it directly, but in negotiations for teachers' contracts, educators bargain with educators.)

Brown also stressed the need for modernizing laws regarding the employment of women and youth. Brown said a women's desk is going to be set up within the Michigan Department of Labor like the one in the federal government to help focus on the problems of the businesswoman.

He said his department is going to propose an equal pay bill this year similar to the federal bill. He said this bill is necessary because the federal bill excludes many women in managerial and educational positions. He feels the Michigan law ought not to make these

exclusions because of sex. He said, "If a 'gal' has the credentials and produces the results a man does, she should receive equal pay."

He said there should also be a place a woman can go to file a complaint if she is discriminated against because of sex. Brown said he realized this bill would not be popular with men.

He said, "The 'best personnel buy' today are women who are re-entering the business world

whose families are almost grown. If men do not recognize this they are missing a good bet because this woman will give permanency that the younger woman won't be able to give."

Brown also predicted that Michigan might see the kind of organizing of farm labor this year similar to that which occurred in California last year by Cesar Chavez with the grape growers.

Brown said one of the things farm legislation needs is a cooling off period and some kind of mediation so a farmer and a consumer would not lose the harvest because of labor disputes.

HAIRY SCARE

Hair Dressing Brings Out BH Firemen

Benton Harbor firemen responded with a fire truck to the Pre-School Center, 242 Pipestone street, yesterday morning, where a "strange odor that smelled like smoke" was noticed.

Firemen didn't find the origin of the smell in the building, however, as all children had been removed. On checking the children, they found the smell coming from the hair of a child.

Firemen said the child's mother had put some solution on the girl's hair. The kind of solution was unknown.

Boy Falls Into Trap Woman Sets

Berrien sheriff's detectives arrested a 13-year-old boy yesterday after he agreed to meet a woman behind the Avion Coach Co. on Empire avenue, following several obscene telephone calls to her home.

Detectives said the woman agreed to meet the caller and then notified detectives of the rendezvous. One detective hid in the back seat of her car while two others watched the car from a distance.

Det. Lt. Ronald Immoos said the boy watched the car for several minutes and walked around it several times before he was confronted by Immoos. The youth admitted to the telephone calls and was petitioned to Berrien juvenile court.

Both Benton Harbor police and the sheriff's department reported other women receiving obscene telephone calls in the past few days, but did not relate them to the arrest of the youth.

SJ Mover On General Tariff Bureau

Phil Ganz of Ganz Moving and Storage Co., St. Joseph, is a member of the board of directors of the General Tariff Bureau, Inc., a sister organization of the Michigan Movers and Warehousemen's association.

The tariff bureau, which helps establish rates within the Michigan Public Service Commission, made its annual report at the movers' association convention in Lansing recently. The two organizations represent over 200 household goods moving and storage firms throughout Michigan.

Auditor Has Bad News For Benton

The Benton township board of trustees took a second look at their financial barometer last night, and it still didn't look very good. They can expect to go \$143,000 in the red in the next year, they were told.

Their auditor, Harlan January, from the accounting firm of Harris, Reams & Ambrose, said they could expect to go that much into the hole, even if township employees' salaries were continued at current levels.

January based his report on the township's anticipated annual income of \$651,000 as opposed to operating costs of \$240,000 and wages calculated at \$554,000.

TAX LEVY EXPIRING

January also reminded the trustees that their three mills levied for fire and police protection expires in one year, if not renewed. Money is also collected from a one-mill operating fee and other sources.

January advised the trustees to adopt a budget that will be very realistic for the coming year. He said the deficit might not happen, but it very likely will.

January appeared before the board in December and told them the revenue dip was caused by a loss of population in the township, and an unexpected decline in state returns to the township.

The township has lost 1,200 persons since the 1960 population census, he said.

In other business last night, the trustees:

• Heard Chief of Police Joseph Sieber announce attempts to get an overhead foot crossing over East Main street at Bard school, hopefully with all money supplied by the federal government through a safe streets act. Bard school is located on the 1-94 penetrator to Benton Harbor.

• Heard Supervisor Martin J. Lane appoint Trustee Lowell Benson to the position of "fence viewer," as a requirement of the 1968 Public Acts of Michigan. The position entails the settlement of fence disputes. Trustee Chester L. Jolley, Jr. holds the same position.

• Referred to the township attorney, Rocco M. DeFrancesco, a letter from the City of St. Joseph to neighboring municipalities on an ordinance prohibiting the sale of high phosphate detergents. Initial reaction of trustees was negative, since they felt it was impossible to determine which detergents contained high phosphates and public reaction would probably demand their ban eventually.

• Authorized the engineering and construction of a water main to Hull school, with the Benton Harbor school system paying \$10,000 of the costs. The board said the school's wells have gone bad and it would

have cost them that much to reconstruct the well system.

• Agreed to enter into an agreement with the City of Benton Harbor to construct a water main on Nickerson avenue from Broadway to Colfax avenue, with Benton Harbor reimbursing the township for the costs.

• Approved a first hearing on the paving of Downing from Pipesone to Stewart streets, at a cost of \$5,302.32 or \$3.31 per

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EDWARD C. TISCORNIA

Director Appointed At Ausco

Edward C. Tiscornia has been appointed a director and vice president of Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co., the board of directors announced.

He is now assigned to Auto Specialties operations in Windsor, Ont. A business administration graduate of Michigan State university, Tiscornia has been employed by Auto Specialties since 1957 and served in several capacities in St. Joseph before transferring last month to the Canadian division, and is residing in Windsor with his wife, Jeanne.

Tiscornia is a son of Ausco President and Treasurer Lester C. Tiscornia.

ANNUAL MEETING

F&M Bank Elects One New Director

With one exception, the annual meeting of shareholders and directors of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank Tuesday afternoon re-elected all officers and directors.

Randall (Red) Burch, president of Burch Printers, Inc., replaced Carl H. Steimle as a director.

Steimle, an F&M director since 1946, had previously notified the board that for personal reasons he would not seek reelection. Widely known throughout the area's horticultural industry, Steimle maintains an active interest in the

Southwestern Michigan Cold Storage at Sodus which he founded several years ago. Another commercial project, largely of his making, the Sodus Exchange is now a United Foods subsidiary.

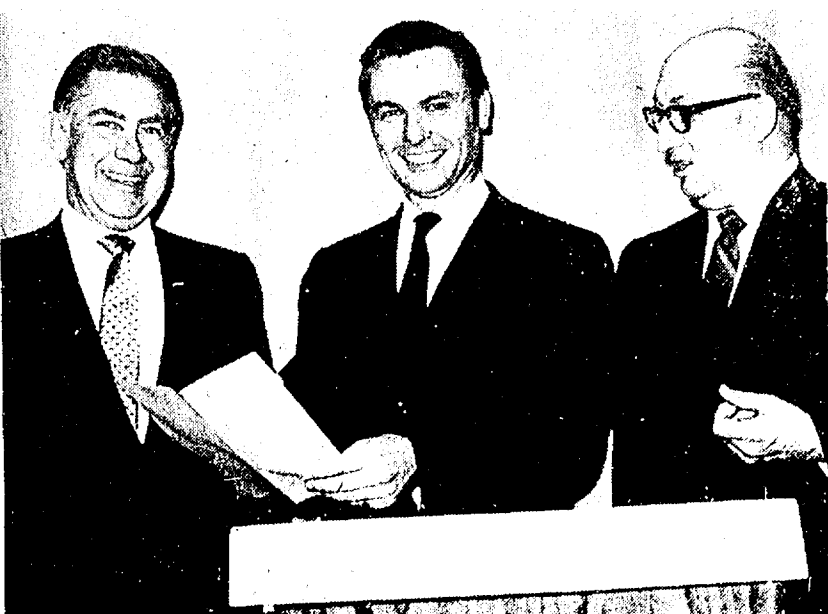
Burch assumed the active management in the commercial printing firm first started at Bridgman several decades ago by his deceased father, Roscoe, and subsequently moved on an expanded scale to Benton Harbor.

All other directors were re-elected. They are Vere Beck with, honorary board chairman; J. Ken Keefe, board chairman; Richard E. Willard, president; Leon P. Gideon, vice president and vice chairman; W. J. Banyon, A. Brown, Joseph D'Agostino, William C. Gast, Ross L. Gilmore, Donald H. Ross and John G. Yerington.

Other officers re-elected were: Joseph Appel, Edward Conrad, Jack A. Vance and F. Ashley Brecht vice presidents; Richard A. Gors and Keith Russell, assistant vice presidents.

Alvin Kroening, cashier; Donald C. Kelly, Donald E. Little and James Behr as assistant cashiers; Glen Conrad, auditor; William C. Beal, data processing manager; William C. Hansen, personnel director.

Atty. Robert L. Vandenberg, vice president of the first department; Andrew J. Schaefer, James E. Taylor and Daisy M. Williams, treasurer, and Donald Jensen, assistant trust officer.



CITES NEED FOR LAW REVISION: Barry Brown, director of the Michigan Department of Labor, center, cited the need for revision of Michigan laws at a Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast yesterday at Holiday Inn, St. Joseph. From left are: Jasper Burt, Whirlpool corporation vice president and Chamber vice president, moderator; Brown and Chamber President Walter B. Laetz, vice president and secretary of Auto Specialties Co.

Berrien County Reading Group Meets Thursday

The Berrien County Reading association will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeshore high school.

One general meeting will be held and 14 group meetings of interest levels from kindergarten through school administration will also be held.

All teachers and administrators in Berrien county are invited.

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Section
Three

Three Races Loom At Dowagiac

DOWAGIAC — Eleventh hour filings Tuesday brought to eight the candidates who will seek election March 17 to four chairs on Dowagiac's city council.

The filings meant three of the four seats will involve contests. The fourth is being sought by one man who is virtually assured of election.

Another potential candidate, Mrs. James Fowler, 306 South

Lowe street, is reported considering a write-in campaign after missing the 5 p.m. deadline for filing. It would involve one of the already contested seats.

The special election was triggered by a Jan. 25 recall election in which four councilmen were ousted. Involved was a dispute over treatment of the police department and retention

of City Manager Norman Gaffney who has since resigned.

Filing shortly before the 5 p.m. deadline Tuesday were Mark Green, 61, of 501 Main street; and Mrs. Clara Planck, 43, of 705 Alma street, the contest's only woman.

Other candidates in the election will be Joseph Silvia, 40, of 210 East Prairie Road; Otto Anderson, 54, of 201 East

Telegraph; Ivan Gwilt, 42, of 509 Main street; Raymond Staples, 44, Hendryx; Loren Woodrick, 41, of 208 Bradley; and Lloyd Ray, 47, of 412 Michigan.

Three of the candidates seek the First Ward's "short term" ending November this year. They are Gwilt, Ray and Green. Staples alone seeks the "long term" ending November 1973.

In the third ward, Anderson and Mrs. Planck will vie for the short term. The long term will be decided between Woodrick and Silvia. Mrs. Fowler was said to be considering the long-term office.

The candidates in alphabetical order: Anderson is currently serving as an appointee to the third ward's short term. He is em-

ployed as a field representative for the Social Security office in Benton Harbor.

A resident of Dowagiac since 1955, he has never before held public office, but has served as president of the Lions club.

DOWAGIAC NATIVE

Green is the homebound teacher for the Berrien county intermediate school district's special education program. He was born and raised in Dowagiac.

Although he has never held a public office, he has served offices in civic and social clubs and with his church. He has a bachelor degree from Hillsdale college, with post graduate credits.

Gwilt is a major in the National Guard on active duty as training officer at the Dowagiac armory. He was appointed to the commission once before in 1967, to fill a vacancy. He is currently serving on the council by appointment.

He was born in Cass county, spending most of his life in this area. Gwilt has also been active in the Elks and Lions clubs and in his church.

Mrs. Planck, mother of five, is employed at Rudy Manufacturing company here. Her husband, Richard, was co-chairman of the Committee for Good Government which engineered the recall election creating the current vacancies.

She has been a resident of Dowagiac 19 years, coming here from Coldwater. She graduated from high school at Decatur. Mrs. Planck has never sought public office before.

RECALL SPOKESMAN

Ray, an agent for Surveillance Systems Inc., Valparaiso, Ind., was also co-chairman of the Citizens Committee for Good Government, serving as its spokesman during the recall effort. He resigned as a captain of the local reserve police force when the recall move gained momentum.

Ray came to Dowagiac five years ago and spent about a year on the city's police force. He left the force a year later to take his present position, but remained active as a reserve officer. He has not sought a public office before.

Silvia is a supervisor at Electro-Voice Inc., Buchanan, where he has been employed 15 years. He has not held a public office before, but has served in official capacities with the Elks club and the Disabled American Veterans organization.

He also gained administrative experience as president of electrical workers union local 900 while an "hourly" worker at Electro-Voice. In September he will have resided 20 years in Dowagiac.

COUNCIL APPOINTEE

Staples, the third appointee currently on the council, is junior high school principal here. He has been in the Dowagiac school system 16 years. He came to town in 1955.

He formerly was chairman of the city's Human Relations Commission, and currently serves on the cemetery board.

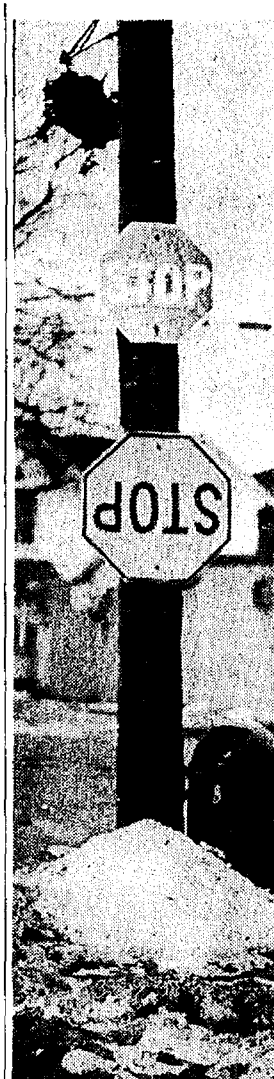
Woodrick is an 18-year resident of Dowagiac. He is employed at Clark Equipment company, Benton Harbor.

He has never held public office, but has had official positions in the Coloma Masonic lodge. Ray was also active in the Citizens Committee for Good Government.

The four successful candidates in the upcoming election will join on the city council Second Ward Councilmen Bernard Peterson Jr., and Graham Woodhouse.

Peterson and Mayor James Burke successfully withstood the recall election, while Woodhouse, a recent appointee, was unaffected by it.

The fourth appointee currently on the city council is Albert Kennedy, 205 Bradley street, who did not file for election.



MEANS THE SAME: Two stop signs placed on the same utility pole in Coloma are conveying the same message but there is a slight difference. The signs are located at Paw Paw street and Washington. (Cliff Stevens photo)

Hearings Slated On March 15

South Haven Issues Going Before Public

SOUTH HAVEN — The city council last night set March 15 for two public hearings — one to consider rezoning a parcel of north side property to allow for the construction of an apartment building project and another to consider vacating a piece of city-owned property to the South Haven Yacht Club.

Local businessman Abe Ashen petitioned the council to have property he owns south of Webster avenue rezoned from one-family residential to a multi-dwelling district.

Ashen proposes to construct at least three three-unit apartments on the property.

The South Haven Yacht Club petitioned the city to vacate property on which its clubhouse is located.

Attorney J. Glenn Sperry said that the land, which is considered the northern boundary of Kalamazoo street on city plat books, has yacht club owned property on its immediate east and west sides.

Sperry said that the fact that the building is on city-owned property has prevented the organization from obtaining financing for proposed improvements.

The city, in 1940, authorized the yacht club to construct its clubhouse on the property. Abandonment of the tract would not affect vehicular traffic since the land and the Kalamazoo street right-of-way is divided by railroad tracks, Sperry said.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

In other action, the council approved the appointment of a citizens charter evaluation committee. The group will review the city charter which was drafted in 1963 and make recommendations to the council as to possible amendments to be put before voters in future elections.

Members of the committee will be Mrs. Virginia Brown and Robert Elliott, members of the original charter commission; Marshall Corey, Robert Warren and Thomas Kahler; and council representatives Richard Lewis, Tom Renner and Doug Wattrick.

City Manager Albert Pierce reported that the city has requested a delay from the State Water Resources commission for certain planning phases of a proposed sewage treatment plant project.

Pierce said the request would not alter the project completion date of Dec. 1, 1972. A majority of the plant improvements, which will be financed through local, state and federal sources, is for the addition of a phosphate removal system.

By a 4-3 vote the council authorized Airport Manager Robert Mueller to examine the possibilities of securing Federal surplus equipment for the municipal airport facility.

OPPOSE POLICY

Councilman Irving Tucker, Matthew Goerg and Rex Linberry, who voted against the authorization, said the council should be provided a list of needed equipment instead of adopting a so-called "blank check" policy.

Pierce said that Mueller, who owns a private cropdusting company, has proposed to secure the equipment at no cost to the city.

Renner, who introduced the resolution giving Mueller authorization to proceed, added an amendment that approval must be given by the city manager before any equipment is obtained.

The council acknowledged the safety record of employees at the water filtration plant; adopted a resolution declaring Feb. 14-20 as National Beauty Salon Week, and recognized the service of City Treasurer — Assessor Howard McDougall as immediate past president of the Michigan Assessors association.

The council adopted an amendment to the municipal code pertaining to the regulation of bicycles. The amendment primarily allows the police department to auction unclaimed bicycles after storing them for a 30 day period.

Broken Water Pipe Closes Rural School

SOUTH HAVEN — Students at the rural Crow school received an unexpected vacation today because of a broken water pipe at the school. Officials said they expect school to be in session Thursday.



OTTO ANDERSON
Third Ward, Short Term



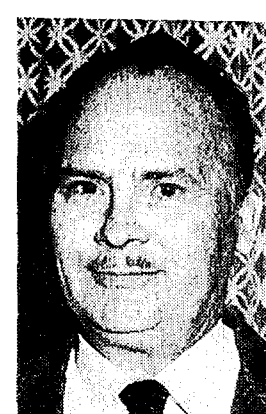
MARK GREEN
First Ward, Short Term



MAJ. IVAN GWILT
First Ward, Short Term



MRS. CLARA PLANCK
Third Ward, Short Term



LOYD RAY
First Ward, Short Term

Five Candidates File At Bangor

BANGOR—Three incumbent councilmen are seeking re-election to three available posts on the Bangor city council in the city's April 5, non-partisan election.

Leonard Bartlett, Doyle Disbrow and Elmer Goss were among five candidates who filed before the deadline at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Two newcomers, William Scott Kempksi and John Van Strien, also filed for the same positions.

There are no other contests in the April election. Mayor James McLarty was elected last April for a two year term.

The positions of clerk, treasurer and assessor are appointive for one-year terms. Subject to re-appointment at the first meeting following the city election in April are John McElduff as clerk; Fred Ryder as treasurer and William Kruger as assessor.

Three remaining councilmen who make up the six member

council were re-elected for two-year terms last April. They are Robert Weber, Angelo Rigozzi and Joseph Distefano.

Bartlett, owner of the Bangor tavern, resides at 20 East Monroe street. Goss, 52, semi-retired from the Goss Construction company, lives at 813 West Monroe street. Disbrow, 47, of 17 West Arlington road, is employed in the administrative offices of Du-Wel Metal Products, Bangor.

Kempksi, 21, and Van Strien, 46, are both downtown Bangor businessmen. Kempksi operates Scotties Photography Studio and Van Strien owns Sherrod's Furniture store. Kempksi resides on 105 Maple street and Van Strien at 214 North Randolph.



JOSEPH SILVIA
Third Ward, Long Term



RAYMOND STAPLES
First Ward, Long Term



LOREN WOODRICK
Third Ward, Long Term

Critical Point Near At Berrien Springs

BERRIEN SPRINGS — A \$500,000 expansion program for Berrien Springs' sewage treatment plant, stalled in December when construction bids were rejected as too high, is scheduled for a comprehensive review March 1.

"We must decide on a course of action," Village President Edgar Kesterke said at the council's semi-monthly session last night. "The time element is fast becoming critical."

Kesterke said there are a number of alternatives to be investigated, including "re-designing the facility and seeking

new bids." The council voted to request that representatives of its consulting engineers, Clyde E. Williams of South Bend, attend the March 1 session.

VIRTUAL HALT

The program came to a virtual halt, Kesterke said, Dec. 29 when construction bids were opened from three companies. Each was far in excess of the engineers' estimated cost of slightly less than \$500,000, he said.

H. DeVulf Mechanical Construction company of Mishawaka, Ind., was low bidder

with a price of \$618,087. North Construction company, Jackson, bid \$718,867, and Doesa-Smith company, Kalamazoo, was high with a bid of \$767,000.

The village council rejected all bids the same night — just one day before the state deadline for signing the contracts.

Kesterke said the status of the village's priority for a \$271,860 state and federal assistance grant are both uncertain.

Clarification of these two key issues, Kesterke said, will be sought before the study session. He said that there is a possibility that the state will extend the priority date to April 15.

DEADLINE EXTENDED

In Lansing, the Senate Tuesday approved a measure extending the deadline for awarding bids for the works to May 15 and sent it to the House for consideration. The House had previously adopted a measure extending the deadline to April 15. The measures involve at least four other Michigan communities also.

Trustee Eugene Ireland told the board that since December, bond interest rates have dropped as much as 1.2 per cent, "which will mean a very substantial reduction in financing costs."

Kesterke said that "this is another important piece of the picture" which will be considered at the board's next meeting.

Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Feb. 17 State Police Count.
This year 183.
Last year 241.

ARRESTED IN NILES

Indiana Murder Suspect Returned

NILES—A man identified as Michael E. Millar, 25, Mishawaka, Ind., has been turned over to police in that city after he waived extradition yesterday in connection with a fatal shooting in Mishawaka early Tuesday.

Millar, who first gave an address on route 1, Buchanan, was arrested at about 2 a.m. Tuesday by Niles police in downtown Niles.

St. Joseph (Ind.) county Prosecutor William Voore authorized a charge of murder against Millar, later Mishawaka police said. A police spokesman said that Millar was to be arraigned later today, at which time a preliminary hearing date is to be set.

The victim in the shooting was identified by Mishawaka police as Dale Sherry, 23, South Bend, who was found shot to death in the home of Barbara and James Young, Mishawaka, at about 12:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Niles police said Millar was arrested about an hour after the crime was reported as he made a phone call from a public booth in the Niles business section. Officers located him after recognizing his parked car from a description furnished by Mishawaka police, they said.



DOYLE DISBROW



ELMER GOSS



W. S. SCOTT KEMPSKI



JOHN VAN STRIEN

Power Firm To Spend \$253 Million

JACKSON (AP) — Consumers Power Co. expects to invest a record \$253 million to expand and improve its Michigan facilities in 1971, the company has announced.

The 1971 construction budget, the largest in the utility's history,

is part of a long-range program to spend more than \$1.5 billion in capital investment in the next five years, the company said Monday.

Consumers noted electric sales are expected to rise at a nine per cent annual rate

over the next few years.

The largest single project this year will be at Ludington on Lake Michigan, where Consumers said it expects to spend \$54 million to construct a pumped storage hydro-electric plant in cooperation with the Detroit Edison Co. The project,

scheduled for completion in 1973, will cost an estimated \$340 million, Consumers said.

The company said it plans to spend more than \$201 million this year on expanding electric generating capacity and transmitting the distributing facilities

around the state, the announcement said.

The budget also includes investments of \$11.4 million for environmental controls and \$2.5 million for research into environmental protection and pollution abatement, the company said.

Three Men File At New Buffalo

NEW BUFFALO — At the deadline Tuesday, three New Buffalo men had filed petitions for election to the one three-year term on the city council at stake in the city's March 8 election.

The three are:

• Anton Carlson, 68, of 820 West Michigan street, an incumbent who has served on the council since 1952. He is a retired employee of South Shore railroad company.

• Alvin Schroeter, 36, of 820 West Detroit street. For 15 years Schroeter was employed in the New Buffalo sanitation department before accepting a position with Buchanan city. This is his first try for public office.

• Edward Smithger, 42, of 133 North Eagle street, is employed at Tonn and Blank company, Michigan City, Ind. In 1968 he unsuccessfully sought election as Berrien county sheriff.

City Clerk Miss Joan Weisaupt said no other contests or propositions will be on the ballot.

NEW BUFFALO — Three Saturday night fish fries open to the public will be held by the New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club.

The dinners will be held Feb. 20, March 6 and 20 at the clubhouse on Krueger road. Serving will be from 6 to 9 p.m.

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